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SUBJECT: POLISH-EAST GERMAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. SUMMARY: POLAND AND EAST GERMANY SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON NOVEMBER 28, WHICH CALLS FOR AN INCREASED LEVEL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN AREAS SUCH AS PORT DEVELOPMENT, THE PRODUCTION OF SPECIALIZED MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE POLES APPEAR TO ATTACH TO THIS AGREEMENT WAS UNDERLINED BY THE WIDE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE IT WAS ACCORDED AS WELL AS BY PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ'S RECEPTION OF THE HEAD OF THE GDR DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE XIII SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BWTN POLAND AND THE GDR WAS HELD IN WARSAW NOV. 26-28 UNDER THE JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF VICE
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PREMIER AND MINISTER OF MINING AND POWER JAN MITREGA AND GDR

VICE PREMIER KURT FICHTNER. THE TALKS RESULTED IN THE SIGNING OF A PROTOCOL ON INTERGOVTAL AGREEMENTS. THE PROTOCOL (TEXT NOT YET AVAIL) DEALS WITH THE GENERAL QUESTION OF COORDINATING ECONOMIC PLANS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR 1976-1980, AND IT APPEARS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH INCREASING COOP IN THREE AREAS: PORT DEVELOPMENT, THE PRODUCTION OF SPECIALIZED MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND EXPANSION OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. ALTHO IT IS APPARENTLY NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENTS, THE CONFERENCE ALSO GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO INCREASING TOURISM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT BY "PORT DEVELOPMENT," BUT THIS APPEARS AIMED AT STANDARDIZING CONTAINER HANDLING FACILITIES AND POSSIBLY INCREASING USE OF SZEZECIN AS A COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION PORT FOR NEARBY PRRTIONS OF THE GDR. TOWARD THIS END A JOINT ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, "INTERPORT," HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

4. IN THE AREA OF THE PRODDUCTION OF SPECIALIZED MACHINE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS WERE EXTENDED TO 1980. THE AGREEMENTS CONCERN PRODUCTS SUCH AS SHEET CUTTING AND FORMING MACHINES, SHIP EQUIPMENT, FITTINGS AND PUMPS, MEASURING, STEERING, AND REGULATING EQUIPMENT.

5. IN THE CHEMICAL SECTOR IT WAS AGREED TO UNDERTAKE LONG-TERM COORDINATION OF PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENTS IN ORDER TO INSURE A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE SUPPLY OF CHEMICAL RAW MATERILAS. A JOINT POLISH-EAST GERMAN FACTORY, WHICH IS TO BE BUILT IN THE GDR, WILL PRODUCE HIGH-GRADE INGREDIENTS FOR ANIMAL FODDER AND JOINT POLISH-GDR SPINNING MILL IS ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ZAWIERCIE, POLAND. GREATER ATTENTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO INCREASING JOINT PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN THE CHEMICAL, MACHINE, LIGHT, AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

6. APART FROM THE SIGNED AGREEMENTS, BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING TOURISM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THAT OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, TRADE UNIONS, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, AND GOVTAL BODIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOURIST FACILITIES WILL BE EXPANDED.

7. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, POLISH-GDR TRADE WILL INCREASE BY 25 PERCENT IN 1973 BRINGING IT TO A TOTAL OF 4.5 BILLION ZLOTYS. INDUSTRIAL SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES. DAVIES

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